

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 20 has been amended, and claims 22-23 have been added. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 20-23 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 20 has been amended for clarity, for example, in accordance with FIG. 3.

Wood et al. (USPN 6,091,808) teaches that the telephone switch checks to see that the subscriber's phone is on-hook, and the telephone switch then sends a ringing signal to the subscriber, the subscriber takes his phone off-hook, and the telephone switch sets up the desired telephone connection. The Examiner has admitted that Wood et al. (USPN 6,091,808) does not explicitly teach the predetermined link syntax, automatically dialing based on the predetermined syntax and the communication channel being independent of the plug-in.

Giordano (USPN 6,870,828) teaches determining how to initiate the call, using a second line if same is available, if a one-line phone is being used, initiating a voice call if the line is available, and disconnecting from the Internet and placing the voice call if the line is not available. Further, the user may be reconnected to the Internet after the call, which may be automatic or may be a choice of the user.

As previously noted, the present invention is submitted to be less complex than Wood et al. (USPN 6,091,808) and/or Giordano (USPN 6,870,828), and even if combined, Wood et al. (USPN 6,091,808) and Giordano (USPN 6,870,828) do not teach the present less complex invention.

Hence, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner grant an Examiner's interview with Applicants' attorney, Darleen J. Stockley, so that Applicants' attorney may have the opportunity to discuss with the Examiner the distinctions between the present claimed invention and the cited references.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney at 202-434-1536 to set up a time that is convenient for an Examiner's interview. Applicants thank the Examiner for his kind consideration of said request.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding

objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner by contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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